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BOOK REVIEWS

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PRACTICAL DIETETICS, with Reference to Diet in Health and Disease. Twelfth edition. By Alida Frances Pattee. A. F. Pattee, Publisher, Mount Vernon, N. Y. Price, \$2.00.

This is the twelfth edition of this popular text book, since 1903. A new edition is issued each year, containing the latest diet lists, and instructions in the preparation of food for the sick and convalescent. The total energy value of each recipe is given. There is a complete table of Food Values, and a comprehensive chapter on Infant Feeding. State board requirements in dietetics and examination questions are given in a supplement which is complimentary with each copy of the text book. This should materially aid the pupil in preparing for the state examinations. There is also a very convenient Hand-bag Diet book, condensed from the regular text book, containing measures, weights, recipes and the various diet lists. This may be had for 50 cents additional. It is sold only to the nurse and only in connection with Practical Dietetics. This is a book that has proved its worth and is in general use in public schools as well as in the nurse training schools. It should also be of great value to the intelligent housekeeper.

ELECTRICITY IN MEDICINE. By George W. Jacoby, M.D., and J. Ralph Jacoby, M.D. With 262 illustrations. P. Blakiston's Son & Company, Philadelphia. Price, \$5.00.

The authors state that the object of the present book is "to stimulate the study of the practical application of electricity in medicine. Electricity has acquired a greater and greater importance both scientifically and practically, and its industrial supremacy has been attained through a thorough knowledge of its fundamental laws. These same laws must form the basis of all therapeutic knowledge and for this reason success in the use of electricity in medicine must be based upon a complete knowledge of the laws that underlie the electric phenomena. The knowledge of the fundamental laws, the ability to use the instruments in their application and a precise meaning of the expressions employed, are therefore essential prerequisites for every physician who desires to utilize electricity as a remedial agent." The title of the book plainly states the scope of the work. Nearly all surgical references have been excluded; and the subjects of X-rays and phototherapy are considered but cursorily. The book is a practical guide for further study.